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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in or relating to Elastic Stockings, Anklets, and the like.

I, JAMES LORAC of 30, Harrington Road Queen's Gate, London, S.W. Gentleman, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

5 This invention relates to an improvement in connection with elastic stockings, anklets, and the like, used for varicose veins and other ailments, and is intended to provide an arrangement which will render them much more comfortable in wearing than those commonly in use.

10 The ordinary elastic stocking has nothing to prevent it from getting pressed up into wrinkles above the wearer's heel and thus chafing and blistering that part, resulting in great pain and discomfort.

15 According to my invention, a band or tape connects the heel piece with the piece under the foot (at the centre of each) and this tape is of such a length as to fit closely round the heel of the wearer when the stocking or anklet is put on. Thus the heel piece of the stocking or anklet is effectually prevented from getting out of its proper position, being held securely in place by the tape (within which the wearer's heel rests) and this allows the stocking or anklet to be worn with perfect comfort.

20 On the ordinary stockings and anklets, a tape is generally sewn down the centre of the back of the leg, and in many cases another tape along the centre of the bottom of the foot piece, merely as a binding of the seams. A simple way of carrying out my invention is to use a single piece of tape for the whole length, including my heel band or tape. Should there be no such bindings used, then a small piece of strong soft tape about $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch wide is securely attached, making 25 the necessary connection between the heel and foot pieces and thus completing the invention.

In order that the invention may be more clearly understood, reference is had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a stocking of this description, and Fig. 2 a back view.

30 A is the leg piece of the stocking having a heel piece A¹, a foot piece B, and ankle tape C at the side as a binding to the seam there (there being generally a similar binding tape along a seam at the back of the leg, and another under the foot piece). The band or tape which I employ in accordance with my invention is marked *d, d, d*, and connects the heel piece A¹ to the foot piece B, at the points 35 marked *e* and *f*, the tape being of such a length between these two points as to allow the wearer's heel to rest closely on it.

The general make of the stocking or anklet is exactly similar to that commonly used.

40 Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

(1) In elastic stockings, anklets and the like, having open heels, a heel band, formed by connecting the back of the heel piece of the stocking to the foot piece, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

{ Price 8d. }

Lorac's Improvements in or relating to Elastic Stockings, Anklets, and the like.

(2) The improved elastic stocking or anklet provided with a heel band, substantially as described and shown in the accompanying sheet of drawings, and for the purposes specified.

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[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]



Fig. 1

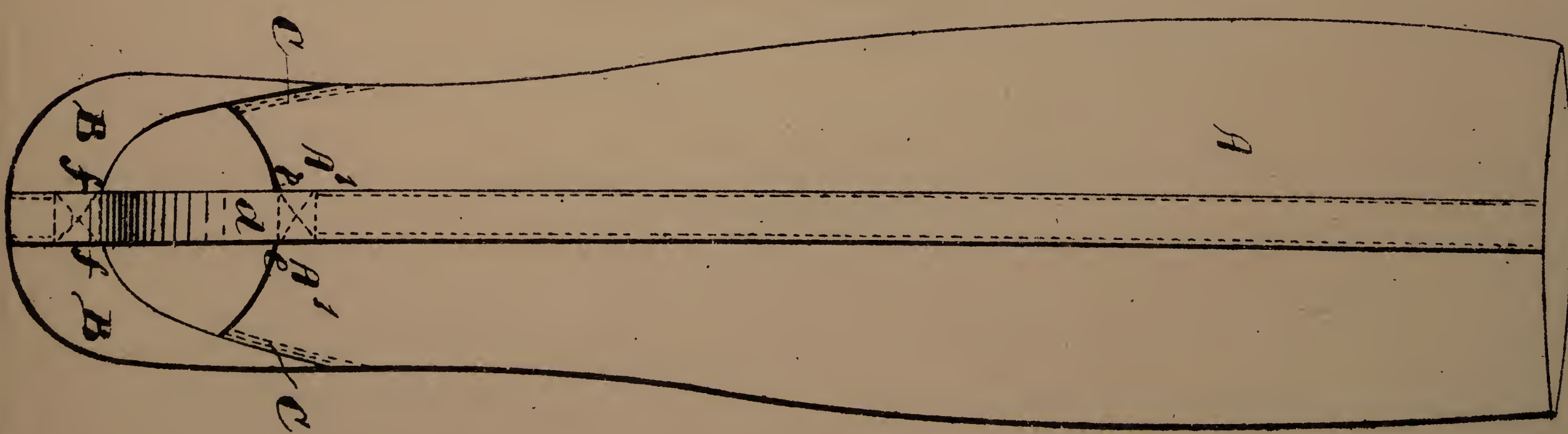


Fig. 2

